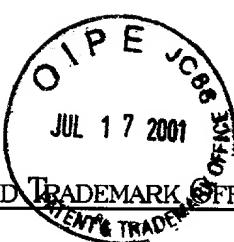




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A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply dated July 2, 2001, a copy of which is enclosed, Applicants submit herewith an Abstract as required under 37 CFR § 1.72(b). A Petition for Extension of Time to extend the time for response until July, 30, 2001 is submitted herewith with provision for the required fee.

Accordingly, no additional fee is believed to be due with this Response. Should any other fee be required, however, please charge such fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

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